

## Facts

fire started at 10:10 am; 200 New York City firefighters battling the blaze at the moment

a second Valdez? Another 9/11?

a barge, owned by contractors Bouchard Barge Company (based at Hicksville, New York), containing 100,000 barrels of unleaded gasoline was being unloaded when a devastating explosion occurred

oil prices: rise of a dollar per barrel on world markets since news of disaster

one ExxonMobil employee injured in the fire and hospitalized

the body of an employee of Bouchard has been found; another person from Bouchard unaccounted for

flames hundreds of feet over Staten Island, can be seen as far away as Trenton, New Jersey, about 35 miles from the terminal.; black smoke: probably no significant health effect

fire fighting still going on: local fire department

ExxonMobil Terminal Manager: Hank Muller

contract company Clean Harbors will clean up

cause of the fire will be investigated

people first thought it was a terrorist attack

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg thinks it was no sabotage

ExxonMobil is in a dispute with New York State over allegations of environmental law violations at the Port Mobil facility. An inquiry is being held but it has nothing today with safety or with the fire.

Info about the terminal: 31 ExxonMobil people work there; max. capacity: 2.5 million barrels (premium and regular gasoline, low sulphur diesel, other distillates and jet fuel); 750 barges per year.

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